

to be believably shown by the test of time that there seems little doubt, however, from what Mr. Edison predicts that his genius will once more be laureated and mankind again benefited.

In reference to Mr. Edison's "profound laboratory secret" mentioned in your issue of Sunday I would say that owing to my great respect and appreciation of his contributions to science I trust he will never be ranked with secret process men, who have extracted more gold from pockets than from ore.

There are no tallings I ever heard of that assay \$200 to \$300 to the ton as you state. The stamp mill of Central City, Col., work fine milling gold ore that may be assayed with great accuracy and pyrites tallings, eagerly sought for as fuel by the local smelters. Such tallings, if not so consumed, could be either desulphurized by mixing with soda, moulding into bricks and burning in kilns, or cheaply roasted in inclined cylinders with constant feed and discharge.

To illustrate that low grades are worked by these methods than wet stamping, I will state that of 4,000 tons of ore that I have treated in the last two years the average value has been under \$35. During last January and February I received over six hundred tons of tallings that assayed on an average \$16 per ton. At the present time Spanish pyrites are profitably worked, containing two ounces of silver and a few grains of gold to the ton. Any one venturing, entering the domain of chess processes will find a field already preyed upon by ploughboys, Yours, &c., E. J. MALLETT, JR.

PROFESSOR DRAPER RESERVES HIS OPINION OF MR. EDISON'S LATEST DISCOVERY.

The electric light has endeared itself to inventive minds by the sheer force of difficulties surrounding it, and has courted the closest observation at every step or misstep in the development. There could be no doubt of the interest attaching to Mr. Edison's latest experiments, the seeming success of which was chronicled fully in Sunday's *HERALD*, and his claims will meet with all the more consideration because of the discouragements lately thrown upon this project. An article yesterday afternoon around the opinion of a scientist, who had been here up to the latest phase of Mr. Edison's work revealed a disposition to treat the "whole city of St. Mary" with great contempt. The many failures of the past have taught this lesson, and, however confident the Wizard of Menlo Park may be, he will not be so easily deceived. He is disposed to demand all the evidence attainable.

A reporter found Professor John C. Draper in the office of the *Herald*, on Jersey street, and asked his opinion of Mr. Edison's efforts.

"Well," said the Professor, "I would hardly care to express my convictions until I have seen some practical application of the invention."

"Did you read its description in the *HERALD*?"

"Yes, but I have no further knowledge of it. It is a subject requiring the most exhaustive examination."

"But with that reservation, judging only from the reports of Mr. Edison's success, what do you think of it?"

"I don't care to go upon record yet," said Professor Draper, with a smile. "We all know that the Edison lamp is a great improvement, and that improvements before, you know, that did not hold out. I don't mean to say it will be the same with this, but it will not do to indorse a thing too readily."

"Have you investigated the subject of carbon burners in electric lamps?" asked the reporter.

"I have," said the Professor, "and I have seen the carpenters at the City College I propose to make some experiments in electric lighting, and after this I will have a lamp made for me. I am sure it will say this much, however, I do not believe that the invention has reached its completion by a great deal."

**RELIEF FOR IRELAND.**

**A WARM EXPRESSION OF SYMPATHY FROM THE RESIDENTS OF HUDSON COUNTY, N. J.**

A mass meeting of the citizens of Hudson County, N. J., was held last evening in the hall of the Catholic Institute on Third street, Jersey City, to take steps to procure relief for the suffering poor in Ireland. The hall was densely crowded, and among the gentlemen who occupied chairs on the platform were Rev. E. M. Abernethy, Dean of the Jersey City Convention, Rev. J. J. Connelley, C. J. Ryan, of St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church, Hoboken; Rev. Hiram Eddy, D. D., of the First Free Union Church, and Rev. Dr. Fisher, of the Second Presbyterian Church; ex-Congressman Hardenbergh, president of the Hudson County National Bank; E. F. C. Young, of First National Bank; Mr. M. Mullone, proprietor of the *Argus*; Surrogate Robert McCogne, Jr.; Colonel John McAnerny, and Alderman Thomas Reilly. Adjutant General Smith, of Jersey City, presided. Several addresses were made, after which the following preamble and resolution were offered by Colonel McAnerny and adopted:

"Resolved, That the citizens of Hudson County, in mass meeting assembled, sympathize with the Irish people in their present distress, and as a substantial proof of their deep interest in their unfortunate condition, do hereby resolve that they will, by the adoption of a permanent committee of relief consisting of nine well known and reliable citizens, do their utmost to procure that where funds can be sent, and with full power to transmit the same to such parties in Ireland as in the judgment of the committee may be best adapted to the relief of the people of that country."

Whereas there has always existed between the people of America and Ireland the most perfect bond of sympathy, often expressed when trouble afflicted either country;

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Mayor Hopper thereupon appointed as the committee Hon. A. A. Hardenbergh, ex-Mayor Charles J. Connelley, John C. Draper, John C. Draper, Jr., Mayor E. V. S. Benson, of Hoboken; Mayor Henry Meigs, of Bayonne; E. M. Wilson, Brian Smith, John H. Bonn, Benjamin Edge, Patrick Farrelly and John McAnerny.

The meeting then adjourned.

**MILLIONS FOR IMMIGRATION.**

**ROBTURK CASTLE, WESTPORT, County Mayo, Ireland, Dec. 6, 1879.**

**TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD:—**

In the Dublin *Daily Express* I see an extract from an article which appeared in your influential paper, calling upon Irishmen not to subscribe to Mr. Parnell's scheme, but to give millions for immigration. Now, sir, this is the doctrine that ought to be preached by every Irishman who loves his country. The fact, which cannot be gainsaid, is, that many parts of Ireland are over-populated, and the land, however well tilled, is unable to support the thousands of its inhabitants.

It is not the poor, and, although they are hard working, honest men, they are barely support themselves with the help of fishing and the English harvest. They have large families growing up, and the population is already too numerous? I had the advantage of travelling through your splendid country in 1876 and I saw many millions of acres of fertile land only waiting to be broken up, and here are thousands of fine, strong healthy young men waiting to be added on to the list. I also saw many fine looking Irishmen, young, lively and alert, because they could not get wives; here are thousands of handsome, healthy, buxom lassies dying of starvation, and I saw many of our countrymen in America will write to me and send a ticket to New York, I will engage to send him a good man to make the German Emperor and his strapping girl to look after his land. Your obedient

**R. VESLEY STONEY, J. P.**

**TRAILING AN EXTENSIVE FORGERY.**

During the months of September and October the announcement of the existence of five forged checks representing \$11,000, purported to be drawn by Alexander Taylor & Son on the National Bank of the Republic in Wall street, created quite a sensation. The forgery was happily detected; but, although strenuous efforts were made to discover the guilty parties, no arrests followed, and the matter passed from public notice. It was revived yesterday, however, by a discovery that may lead to the detection of the forgers. The firm of Alexander Taylor & Co., makers of the forged checks, with their headquarters in the Republic. In their employ is Samuel Swin, a Englishman, twenty-one years old, residing at No. 6 Bloesker street. On September 11, in payment of \$500 to the firm, he was given a check for \$500 drawn with their name. This check swin indorsed and gave to another party. In time it was presented at the National Bank of the Republic, and a lengthy came to the National Bank of the Republic. The officers of the last named institution believed that the check was forged, and they called upon the police. The police officers called upon the police headquarters. Yesterday Detective Shelly arrested Swin. The check has been indorsed five times. A search is being made for the other parties to the forgery. It is thought that in this way the forgers will be captured. Swin is not suspected of implication. He was taken to the Tombs Court and remanded until to-day.

**LIQUOR DEALERS WARNED.**

Excise Commissioners Morrison, Merkle and Morton issued a circular yesterday and caused it to be served on the captains of the various precincts by the excise inspectors, calling attention to the provisions of chapter 100 of the laws of this State, which state that the Commissioners, under the law, will not permit unlicensed persons to sell spirituous liquors, and promises legal proceedings against any dealers who do not take such precautions before January 1.